



## APPLICATION FOR THE 2016 UNITED STATES SENATE YOUTH PROGRAM

### **Application Information:**

- *Applications must be received by the Nebraska Department of Education, 301 Centennial Mall South, Lincoln, Nebraska by 4 p.m., CST, October 2, 2015.*
- We cannot accept faxed, scanned, or emailed, applications or answer sheets.
- Completed applications will be reviewed and qualified applicants will have a scholarship test and answer sheet sent to their school. The designated educator at their school will administer the test and will return the test and the answer sheet to NDE no later than 4 p.m., CST, October 30, 2015.

### **Directions:**

Please print legibly in blue or black ink. All sections of the application have to be completed.

### **Student and Parent Information:**

Student's Full Name \_\_\_\_\_  
First Middle Last

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State Zip

Home Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ Male ☐ Female

Student's Email \_\_\_\_\_ Year in School: ☐ Junior ☐ Senior

Parents' Cell # \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Cell # \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

Parents'/Guardians' Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Business Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

Name of High School: \_\_\_\_\_ Principal: \_\_\_\_\_

School Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

School City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Principal's Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of your Unicameral Representative and District #: \_\_\_\_\_

## STUDENT LEADERSHIP:

### *Qualifying Requirements*

- To qualify for selection, a student must demonstrate qualities of leadership in an elected or appointed high school student office for the 2015-2016 school year. A student who graduates from high school at the close of the fall 2015 semester/quarter is not eligible to apply for the program, and students must be residing in the U.S. during the 2016 spring semester to participate. (*Read about the complete application process at <http://www.hearstfdn.org/ussyp/>.*)
- Attendance during the Washington Week program is *required* to receive the financial scholarship.
- Each student must be a **PERMANENT RESIDENT** of the United States and currently enrolled in a public or private secondary school located in the state (including for these purposes the District of Columbia) in which either one of his/her parents or guardians legally resides. A student attending a school that is located in a state other than the state of legal residence of either one of such student's parents or guardians is not eligible [exception: Department of Defense Education Activity students will represent the state(s) of which the parents/guardians are U.S. legal voting residents].
- Any high school junior or senior student is eligible for the program provided he or she has not previously been a delegate to Washington Week and has not received a USSYP scholarship. To be eligible, a candidate must be currently serving in an **elected** or appointed capacity in any one of the following student government, civic or educational organizations for the entire 2015-2016 school year:
  - a. Student body president, vice-president, secretary or treasurer
  - b. Class president, vice-president, secretary or treasurer
  - c. Student council representative
  - d. Student representative elected or appointed (appointed by a panel, commission or board) to a district, regional or state-level civic and/or educational organization approved by the state selection administrator.

### CURRENT ELECTED/APPOINTED OFFICE

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Description of how you were elected/selected for the current office.

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### Leadership Narrative:

- Please attach to this application a typed narrative (not to exceed two pages) describing all of the following:
  - Your involvement in student government and community service
  - Achievements, especially leadership experiences, that would support your selection as a candidate;
  - Ways in which your participation in this year's William Randolph Hearst Foundation United States Senate Youth Program will enhance your interest in and understanding of this country's political and governmental processes; and
  - Ways in which your participation will benefit those you come in contact with, your school, and area schools.

**Sign below to indicate you have researched and written the narrative by yourself.**

SIGNATURE OF STUDENT: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

**Student Interests:**

- Please attach to this application a typed narrative (not to exceed two pages) describing all of the following:
- Extra-curricular activities
  - Hobbies
  - Future plans

**TO THE PARENT/GUARDIAN:**

1. In the event that your son/daughter is confirmed as a delegate to Washington and as a winner of the \$5,000 scholarship, the Hearst Foundations will forward permission forms to you. We also want assurance at this time that should he/she be selected, your permission to take the trip would, in all probability, be granted. **Attendance during the Washington Week program is *required to receive the financial scholarship*.** Will you give permission for your son/daughter, if they are a winner, to attend the Washington Week?

Yes\_\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_\_

2. The Nebraska Department of Education has permission to share your son/daughter's score with their high school administration.

Yes\_\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Guardian Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**TO THE SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR:**

**Please list the designee - certified educator that will administer the test**

First *and* Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

School Address \_\_\_\_\_

School City/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

School Phone \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby certify that the above-named student is a junior or senior in good standing, holds the elected office(s) identified above and has presented accurate information. I also certify that the student's parent or legal guardian resides in Nebraska.

**SIGNATURE OF PRINCIPAL** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE** \_\_\_\_\_

***WE CANNOT ACCEPT FAXED, SCANNED, OR EMAILED, APPLICATIONS OR ANSWER SHEETS.***

**SEND APPLICATION(S) and ANSWER SHEET(S) TO:**

Harris Payne  
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301 Centennial Mall South  
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